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Dear Joshua:

I very much appreciated your thoughtful letter of concern regarding NIH training grant money which has been eliminated in the Administration's 1974 budget along with several other major Federal health support programs.

We share your concern, and fully recognize the importance of this program. In fact, during consideration of the cancer legislation in 1971, we specifically expressed our concern that basic biomedical research be continued as integral to the "Conquest of Cancer" effort. Enclosed is an excerpt from the Congressional Record which may be of interest to you.

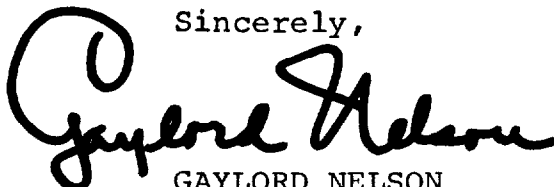
As you undoubtedly know, the Administration's recent budgetary actions have created intense controversy about their authority to terminate programs and impound funds which have been legally authorized and appropriated by Congress, and signed into law by the President himself. You may be interested in the enclosed material giving my position on this question and telling of pertinent legislative action this office has taken.

Regarding the research training grants specifically, the Health Subcommittee, of which I am a member, will be examining these programs carefully and will make its own independent decision.

We are also bringing your concerns to the attention of Senator Magnuson, Chairman of the Senate Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee, which will be very carefully reviewing the HEW budget and Administration's proposed cuts.

It is most helpful knowing your views, and I appreciated your writing. Please feel free to contact us in the future whenever we can be of any further service.

Sincerely,



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U. S. Senator

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Enclosures